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published in that issue of "Pearson's Weekly" has been responsible for creating bad feeling in the minds of a certain section of His Majesty's subjects in this Presidency?"

The Hon. Sir MAHOMED USMAN:—"That is the very reason why this notification has been issued by the Punjab Government and republished by us. The suggestion of the hon. Member will be considered."

B. POCKER SAHIB Bahadur:—"May I ask whether the Hon. Member will be pleased to convey the feelings of the Muslim community to the Home Government and request them to order the forfeiture of such copies in the United Kingdom also?"

The Hon. Sir MAHOMED USMAN:—"I am afraid I will have to examine the suggestion of my hon. Friend."

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—"As hon. Members are expected to take an intelligent interest in what is going on in this House, may I ask whether it will not be better if they are also informed of the nature of the article and the picture against which objection has been taken?"

The Hon. the PRESIDENT:—"Is it the hon. Member's suggestion that these should be circulated?"

The Hon. Sir MAHOMED USMAN:—"I do not think it is necessary at all."

B. POCKER SAHIB Bahadur:—"May I ask whether the Government will be pleased to publish this notification in all the vernaculars so that the vernacular papers also may know its contents and stop publishing the translation in the vernacular?"

The Hon. Sir MAHOMED USMAN:—"I do not think it is necessary. We have followed the usual procedure."

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—ADJOURNMENT MOTION REGARDING RESETTLEMENT OPERATIONS IN THE KURNOOL DISTRICT.

* Mr. A. RAMAKRISHNA REDDI:—"Sir, I beg leave to move the adjournment motion of which I have given notice, namely, that the business of this Council be adjourned for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.:—

'*the recent decision of the Government to carry out settlement operations in the Kurnool district and to put the new settlement rates into force even though they may be in excess of the present rates*'."

* The Hon. the PRESIDENT:—"The hon. Member will please explain how this matter is urgent. The hon. Member ought to have come before the House with this thing on the first day of this meeting. He will please tell me how it is urgent at this stage."

* Mr. A. RAMAKRISHNA REDDI :—" Sir, a settlement officer has been recently appointed in Kurnool and settlement operations are in progress. So far as that district is concerned, the Government have thought fit to grant a remission of $12\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. That is an admission that even at the existing rates the ryot is finding it difficult to pay the assessment."

* The Hon. the PRESIDENT :—" Is the hon. Member going into the merits of the question? "

* Mr. A. RAMAKRISHNA REDDI :—" Sir, I am merely explaining the circumstances of the case. The grant of the remission is an admission that even at the rates that are at present in force, the burden on the ryots is heavy and requires to be relieved. If the excellent suggestion of Sir A. P. Patro that the Government should explore on a regional basis to find out where the distress is actually greatest, had been adopted, it would have been seen that the Kurnool district which is the worst of the Ceded districts, rightly called the famine zone of this Presidency, is in the most miserable plight. Sir, in answer to my question on Saturday the Hon. the Revenue Member was pleased to say that even though the economic depression continued, settlement operations would have to go on and the new settlement rates put into force."

* The Hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL :—" On a point of personal explanation, Sir. My recollection is that the hon. Member's questions had reference to the present economic depression."

* Mr. A. RAMAKRISHNA REDDI :—" The intention of the Government seems to be that, even if the new settlement rates are in excess of the present rates, that was not a special reason for the postponement of the introduction of the new settlement rates. This answer of the Hon. the Revenue Member amounts to a decision on the part of the Government that even though the new settlement rates might be in excess of the present settlement rates and even though the economic depression might continue when the new rates come into force, the Government have almost decided to put the new settlement rates into force."

The Hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL :—" The hon. Member is reading more into than he is justified in doing."

11-15 a.m. * The Hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The hon. Member would have by this time understood that he is reading too much into the answer given by the Hon. the Revenue Member. If the hon. Member's adjournment motion is based on the answer that has been given, probably he will have to change his mind."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" Probably if the hon. Member makes his statement it will clear up matters."

* Mr. A. RAMAKRISHNA REDDI :—" So far as the ryot is concerned, he was very tenaciously clinging to his land in this period of depression. When this decision is known to the ryot, it will cause great

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alarm and he will think twice of sitting on his land which has been the cause of his ruin. I therefore think a serious situation has been caused which requires to be immediately allayed."

* The Hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—" Mr. President, Sir, I have not got the copies before me of the hon. Member's question and my answer as recorded, but questions based on a reference to the economic situation at some date in the future would have been hypothetical. I should not have given any answer to a hypothetical question because it is, I believe, not be in order to ask hypothetical questions. I understood the hon. Member's to be reference to the present economic situation. What it is going to be two years hence it is not possible for me or the Government to foretell. With reference to the resettlement of the Kurnool district, we have merely appointed a settlement officer to make some preliminary enquiries for the collection of statistics for the preparation of the usual scheme report. We do not expect to get that for a year. Then it will probably be placed before the House and the hon. Members will have ample opportunity to discuss the proposals in the scheme report."

* The Hon. the PRESIDENT:—" I think by this time the hon. Member's doubt should have been cleared. There is no urgency for this motion. I, therefore, disallow it."

III.—A BILL TO FACILITATE THE WORKING OF CO-OPERATIVE LAND MORTGAGE BANKS IN THE PRESIDENCY OF MADRAS (BILL No. 5 OF 1933.)

* The Hon. the PRESIDENT:—" The House will now proceed with the Madras Co-operative Land Mortgage Banks Bill. The House will now take up clause 8."

CHAPTER III.

Clause 8.

* The Hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN:—" With your permission, Sir, I will move clause 8 as amended. In view of the discussions of hon. Members the other day, I hope this will be acceptable to the House.

" *Substitute* the following *for* clause 8:—

'8 (1) *If any instalment payable under a mortgage executed in favour of a mortgage bank or any part of such instalment has remained unpaid for more than one month from the date on which it fell due, the Committee may, in addition to any other remedy available to the bank, apply to the Registrar or to any person appointed by the Local Government under section 3 of the Madras Co-operative Societies Act,* 1932, *to assist the Registrar for the recovery of such instalment or part by distraint and sale of the produce of the mortgaged land including the standing*